of his house to Sir Gelly Meyrick, went hastily out with a party of 200 men or thereabouts, all lusty young men and of stout courage, but nowaj s provided of arms like soldiers, most of them having their cloaks wrapped about their arms and only swords by their sides The Earl of Bedford, the Lord Cromwell and other noblemen joined themselves with them as they went along

Being entered into London he began to cry out, * For the Queen [f] For the Queen ' A plot is laid for my hfe' And so went forward in much haste through the chief streets of the city to Sheriff Smith's house near Fenchurch, for he had been given to understand that the Sheriff who hath command of a thousand of the trained bands would be assistant to him upon all occasions The citizens running together without any arms to gaz,e, he besought them to arm themselves else they would be of no use to him , nevertheless in the City not so much as one man of the meanest quality would take arms for him Having passed well nigh the whole length of the City he came to the Sheriff's house, much perplexed in mind and in such a sweat that he was fain to shift his shirt, but Master Sheriff straightway withdrew himself by a back door to the Lord Mayor

In the meantime the Lord Thomas Burleigh with Mr Dethick, Garter King at Arms, entered the City and pro-claimed the Earl of Essex and his complices to be traitors, though some opposed them, offering violence And in like manner the Earl of Cumberland and Sir Thomas Gerrard, the Knight Marshal, in other parts of the City Which, as soon as the Earl of Essex understood, he hasted out of

the Sheriff's
house with a melancholic and downcast
countenance crying
that England is appomted to be assigned over to
the Infanta of
Spain and calling upon the citizens to arm , but
all in vain
When he saw that not a man took arms and that
his own com-
pany slunk away from htm privately by degrees,
and heard withal
that the Lord Admiral was coming with a strong
party of men,
he began now to cast away all hope He purposed
therefore in
his mind to return home in hopes to obtain
favour with the
Queen by means of the Lord Keeper and the rest
of the Council
that were shut up in his house Sir Ferdinando
Gorges therefore